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1. THE EMBASSY IS PLEASED TO LEARN OF A PROSPECTIVE COURSE IN WASHINGTON FOR FSL CONSULAR EMPLOYEES AND HAS THREE NOMINATIONS TO MAKE FOR A SEPTEMBER OR LATER COURSE.

2. CHINDA KAMOLVIPHAT, FSL 11/4, IS THE CONSULAR SECTION'S SENIOR LOCAL EMPLOYEE IN TERMS OF GRADE AND IN TERMS OF EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND. HE HAS WORKED FOR THE EMBASSY SINCE 1968. KHUN (MR.) CHINDA HAS BASIC WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS RESPONSIBILITIES AND HANDLES ALL OF THE ARREST CASES FOR THE EMBASSY AND ALL DEATHS AND ESTATES. HE HAS COMPLETED THREE OF EIGHT INSTALLMENTS OF THE FSI CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN SCS. AS A MEMBER OF THE THAI BAR, KHUN CHINDA IS FULLY CONVERSANT WITH THE THAI LEGAL SYSTEM AS WELL AS THAI POLICE PROCEDURES. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AT ANY ONE TIME THERE ARE BETWEEN 25-30 AMERICANS INCARCERATED IN THE THAI PRISON SYSTEM PRINCIPALLY FOR NARCOTICS OFFENSES. THIS IS PROBABLY THE LARGEST NUMBER OF CIVILIAN PRISONERS FOR ANY POST

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IN ASIA AND IS A SITUATION COMPLICATED BY THE FACT THAT THERE IS NOT A BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTION WITH THAILAND THEREFORE MAKING CONTACT WORK OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE. HE WILL CONTINUE IN SCS WORK. BORN MARCH 25, 1931 AT BANGKOK, KHUN CHINDA HAS AN LLB IN LAW FROM THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY AND PRIOR TO JOINING THE CONSULAR SECTION AND SECURITY OFFICE, WORKED IN INSURANCE.

3. PONGSAGONE BHANSATTABUTR, FSL 7/6, IS THE CONSULAR SECTION'S TRIPLE THREAT EMPLOYEE AND HAS WORKED FOR THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION SINCE 1965. HE WORKS PRINCIPALLY ON IMMIGRANT VISA PROCESSING BUT IS ALSO THE SUB-CASHIER AND CAN FILL THE RECEPTIONIST OR NIV CLERK POSITION UPON DEMAND. KHUN PONGSAGONE THEREFORE MEETS MORE OF THE SECTION'S PUBLIC THAN ALMOST ANY OTHER EMPLOYEE OVER THE COURSE OF THE WORK YEAR. THE TRADITION IN THE CONSULAR SECTION IN THE PAST WAS NOT TO MOVE EMPLOYEES FROM FUNCTION TO FUNCTION UNTIL EXTRAORDINARY TURNOVER AMONG THE 18 LOCAL EMPLOYEES AND THE CREATION OF A FILE ROOM AS WELL AS A FRAUD UNIT IN 1976 BROUGHT IN A NEW INFUSION OF YOUNGER BLOOD AND WITH IT THE POTENTIAL FOR SHIFTING PERSONNEL AS NEEDS DICTATED. KHUN PONGSAGONE WAS ONE OF THE EXCEPTIONS OF THE EARLIER RULE AND HAS BEEN A LINCHPIN IN THE SECTION AND THEREFORE HAS OVER THE YEARS OBTAINED THE EQUIVALENT OF A CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN KNOWLEDGE OF CONSULAR WORK. UPON INTRODUCTION OF AVLOS IN THE COMING FISCAL YEAR, KHUN PONGSAGONE WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NIV UNIT. BORN FEBRUARY 15, 1936 IN RAJBUURI PROVINCE, KHUN PONGSAGONE ATTENDED SECONDARY SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY IN LAW BUT DID NOT GRADUATE.

4. PISLUK KUMTON, FSL 6/7, ALSO HANDLES IMMIGRANT VISA PROCESSING AND OF THE THREE NOMINEES HAS WITH SEVEN YEARS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOUR IN THE CONSULAR SECTION, THE SHORTEST LENGTH OF SERVICE. NEVERTHELESS, SHE HAS DISTINGUISHED HERSELF IN THE RELATIVELY SHORT LENGTH OF TIME BY COMPLETING THE VISA COURSE AND TURNING IN A CREDIBLE RECORD OF EXCELLENT SERVICE. KHUN (MRS.) PISLUK'S CONTROL OF ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT AND HER DRAFTING HAS IMPROVE APACE WITH HER EXPERIENCE. KHUN PISLUK HAS RELATED WELL TO THE PUBLIC DESPITE SIGNIFICANT DAILY PRESSURES AT THE IV WINDOW. SHE IS ONE OF SEVERAL PRIME CANDIDATES FOR ADVANCEMENT IN THE SECTION AS POSITIONS OPEN UP SUCH AS PASSPORT AND NATIONALITY WORK. KHUN PISLUK WAS BORN AT BANGKOK ON [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 12 DEC 2014]. HAD SECONDARY, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN THAILAND AND SECRETARIAL TRAINING IN ENGLAND. SHE WORKED AS A MEDICAL SECRETARY AND AS A GROUND HOSTESS FOR A LARGE TRAVEL AGENCY IN BANGKOK.

5. ROUND TRIP FARE BANGKOK/WASHINGTON/BANGKOK IS DOLLARS ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO. ABRAMOWITZ

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